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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the October 26, 2007 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, a Response is due on February 26, 2007. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$65.00 in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), for a small entity, to the undersigned Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 26786-520-NATL.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 26786-520 NATL, Customer No. 35437.

Respectfully submitted,

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